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SUBJECT: BURMESE FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO BANGKOK

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1. AN EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER DISCUSSED BURMESE FOREIGN MINISTER U HLA PHONE'S VISIT TO BANGKOK WITH THE CHIEF OF THE SOUTHEAST AREA DIVISION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) NOVEMBER 12. THE MFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE TIME FOR TALKS WITH U HLA PHONE DURING HIS BRIEF STOPOVER. THE VISIT HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO LAST TWO FULL DAYS (OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 1) BUT HAD TO BE SHORTENED TO ONE DAY BECAUSE A STORM IN HONG KONG FORCED U HLA PHONE TO DELAY HIS DEPARTURE FOR BANGKOK. FOREIGN MINISTER CHARUNPHAN ITSARANGKUN NA AYUTTHAYA MET THE BURMESE FOREIGN MINISTER AT A BRIEF LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 1. CHARUNPHAN THEN HURRIED TO THE AIRPORT TO MEET SOUVANNA PHOUMA WHO WAS STOPPING OVER ON HIS RETURN TO LAOS. CHARUNPHAN RETURNED TO PLAY NINE HOLES OF GOLF WITH U HLA PHONE IN THE LATE AFTERNOON. IF THEY HAD ANY SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATIONS DURING THE LUNCH OR GOLF GAME, THE MFA OFFICIAL WAS UNAWARE OF THEM.

2. THE MFA OFFICIAL WAS UNABLE TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT ON THAI-BURMESE BORDER CONDITIONS WHICH THE "BANGKOK POST" CONFIDENTIAL

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ATTRIBUTED TO U HLA PHONE (REF C). HE SAID THAT IF U HLA

PHONE MADE SUCH A STATEMENT, IT WAS AN OFF-THE-CUFF REMARK TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT SINCE U HLA PHONE DID NOT HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE. THE MFA OFFICIAL SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRESENT BURMESE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN MORE SYMPATHETIC TO RTG DIFFICULTIES IN CONTROLLING THE BURMESE DISSIDENT GROUPS AND HAS RECOGNIZED RTG GOODWILL RECENTLY, FOR EXAMPLE, IN PROSECUTING ILLEGAL ARMS AND TIMBER SMUGGLERS ALONG THE THAI-BURMESE BORDER. THE MFA OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THAT THE RTG HAS EXTENDED U HLA PHONE AN INVITATION FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT AND IS AWAITING A FORMAL GUB REPLY.

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